

PTO Meeting  
11-7-22

- Welcome
  - Welcome from Rachel, PTO president. Drug free t-shirts from red ribbon week came out great. Waiting for reimbursement from the municipal alliance.
  - Pumpkin run was a success. Thank you to Brodheckers farm for the discounted pumpkins.
  - Class parties were a success- Ms. Greene confirmed, everyone was happy.
  - Next holiday party is on 12/23
  - Read-a-thon is closed and we made about \$2500 in 3 weeks. We will be making this an annual fundraiser to kick off our school year. Great way to get the kids back into the swing of things.
  - We know we have two big classes so we were very careful in picking the winners of the read-a-thon. Rachel did a lot to make sure it was won fairly.
- Vice President update
  - Welcome from Stephanie Fryer.
  - Decided it wasn't fair to pick up & leave VP position and is formally rescinding resignation after Amanda Newton was voted into VP last meeting. It wasn't a formal election.
  - Very grateful for Rachel Weiss who was willing to step up and take over president
  - Feels it is in everyone's best interest that she stays on as VP and creates a new executive board that she feels is best.
  - Tree lighting is a go. All the lights are working after being checked. There is money in the budget to replenish but we don't need to touch that now. We want everything to look uniform because it's a representation of the school.
  - Amanda sent out an email to the tree lighting committee & Stephanie will send a reminder text. (Was handed everyone's contact information at the end of the meeting.)
  - We will put up the lights on 11/20 at 10am. Weather permitting.
  - Unable to host the chili cook off. There was too much going on and needed more time and attention. This used to be a welcome to the new families and we will have the committee meet earlier next school year to plan accordingly. Also, are we ready for buffet style eating yet? With covid still around not sure how everyone feels about it.
  - PTO pantry in kitchen. This used to be stocked with essentials for volunteers. Perhaps we can get donations for gloves, water bottles, wipes, paper towels, tissues and maybe advil. The cabinet is locked. Need to let Mr. Kraemer know where the key is located.
    - We also need a new lock for the PTO shed. This has been brought up in the past and the PTO doesn't have the funds to replace it because it ended up being the whole door, not just the lock. Mr. Kraemer thinks that the BOE should pay for this because it's on school grounds and it is their building. (Mining hill locks on rt. 46 was suggested)

- Let's look amongst the room for donations and save donations from parents for the items that teachers need the most.
    - Chili cook off  $\frac{2}{3}$  snow date 2/10.
- Treasurer update
  - 8869.85
  - A lot has just come out of the account. Snakes & scales, t-shirts, pizza lunch, planners & folders, yearbooks from last year, book bingo, school store...
  - Mum sale, we profited \$526.
  - The reimbursement from the municipal alliance takes a while because it goes through a lot of people.
- Principal update
  - Newsletters are going well. Communicate with him if you have any issues, concerns and or suggestions. I Want to work well with the community. Please communicate directly with me and not on social media.
  - Wednesday is red white & blue for veterans day.
  - Christmas concert is 12/15
- Social Media update
  - All is going well on instagram & facebook. We are gaining followers and having more interactions. If any chairpersons have anything they want me to share on their events, please email or text me. I also send a blurb to the principal every week so please send me stuff before Thursday afternoon to ensure it gets into the newsletter.
  - Was contacted by life in Sussex county. We now have a free business account and can share our events there.
- School store
  - Our first school store is being held on 11/16. We plan to have 4 total.
  - 2/10 , 3/15 and 5/17
  - We will be running school stores by class instead of them shopping during lunch & recess. 15-20 min per class. Alternating who goes first. We want to keep this fair. Bring a clipboard and make math lessons with it, have 6th grade buddies with K class.
- Bingo night
  - Book bingo was a big success.
  - We received a generous donation from Hainesville General Store. \$250
  - This was so generous and might encourage other businesses to do the same.
  - Pizza & Bake sale can be done at bingo night.
  - Stephanie Fryer suggested 8 pizzas cut into 16ths and sell at \$2 a slice.
  - This is a no cost entry event
  - Needs to be held on Fridays and for two hours.
  - 1/13 is the next BINGO night with the snow date of 1/20.
  - 5/19 is the last bingo night of the school year.
- Holiday Store
  - Will be run like years in the past.
  - There's no inventory from last year

- We need more items so there's no upset children.
- Absolutely no IOU's.
- Volunteers will be contacted.
- Holiday store will be on 12/12 & 12/13 with ONE afterschool option.
- Cookie Walk
  - Celeste & Katlin are underway!
  - Date for the cookie walk is 12/22 at 6pm.
  - We need scales - Eaton, Jones & Prtorich have scales.
  - Table cloths, music playing in background
  - Gloves
  - Ingredients for cookies
  - Peanut/Nut free table.
  - Free hot chocolate
  - FIND BAKERS!!
  - Supermarkets & Bakeries will donate.
  - Celeste can contact Steph for any direction she needs
  - Purchase boxes & print stickers.
- Winter Raffle
  - PTO is purchasing gift cards instead of asking for donations.
  - Jen Jones has kindly already donated from her business.
  - We are calling this, Winter warm up raffle!
  - Winner will be announced at the cookie walk 12/22
  - We will have the gift cards hung on string in between two mittens.
  - All the paperwork has been submitted through the town and to be approved by the state from the gambling association.
- Science Fair
  - 3/3 with a snow date of 3/10
- Open Forum
  - Motivational bathroom makeover- Amanda & Theresa
    - This was approved by Mr. Kraemer. We have to send him the exact quotes and then we can apply the vinyl to the bathrooms in the afternoon.

Might need to find a better drop off system for the class parties. It was very overwhelming to the front office.

Meeting closed at 8:14. Seconded by Stephanie Fryer.

ATTENDEES: Rachel Weiss, Stephanie Fryer, Amanda Newton, Kristen Grzymko, Joe Kraemer, Katlin Straway, Celeste Hansen, Theresa Prtorich, Beth Greene, Jess Eaton, Olivia Folkers